

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 13 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1 - 11 have been canceled and new claims 14 and 15 have been added. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated March 12, 2004.

As To The Merits

As to the merits of this case, the Examiner sets forth the following rejection:

claims 1-5, 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Bayer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,311,190).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Each of independent claims 12 and 13 call for storing *addresses for a plurality of GUI screens corresponding respectively to a plurality of controlling organizations for distributed control of users; and upon receiving a service request from a client system of a user, selecting an address corresponding to the controlling organization which controls said user from among said plurality of addresses, and sending a GUI screen for this selected address to the client system of said user in order to provide service to said user from the GUI screen of the controlling organization controlling said user.*

It is respectfully submitted that Bayer fails to disclose or fairly suggest these features of independent claims 12 and 13. That is, Bayer fails to disclose controlling organizations, receiving a request from a user, selecting one of the controlling organizations corresponding to the user and sending a GUI screen of the selected controlling organization.

In other words, the browser of the network client computer 18, the records of the Registration Data table 193; and the Languages table 173 of Bayer each fail to store addresses for a plurality of GUI screens corresponding respectively to a plurality of controlling organizations for distributed control of users; and upon receiving a service request from a client system of a user, as called for in each of independent claims 12 and 13.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

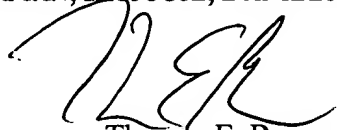
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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